

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of May 26, 2016**

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, May 26, 2016, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairman Stein at 1:04 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Robert Stein  
Chairman  
Michael Caron  
(designee for Chairman House)  
Robert Hannon  
(designee for Commissioner Klee)

James J. Murphy, Jr.  
Vice Chairman  
Philip T. Ashton  
Michael W. Klemens  
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.  
Michael Harder

**Staff Members Present:**

Melanie Bachman  
Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney  
Fred Cunliffe  
Supervising Siting Analyst  
Christina Walsh  
Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier  
Siting Analyst  
Michael Perrone  
Siting Analyst

**Recording Secretary:**

Carriann Mulcahy

**Minutes of May 12, 2016.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2016, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1218 - PSEG Power Connecticut LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 485 megawatt (MW) dual fuel combined-cycle electric generating facility at the existing Bridgeport Harbor Station located at 1 Atlantic Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Close of Evidentiary Record.**

Dr. Klemens moved to close the evidentiary record, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Mr. Ashton abstaining.

**PETITION NO. 1225 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed rebuilding and reconductoring of approximately two miles of its existing No. 1682 115-kV transmission line within existing right of way from the Wilton Substation at 53 Old Danbury Road, Wilton to Norwalk Junction at 111 Danbury Road, Wilton, Connecticut. Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1226 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of the new 115-kV Towantic Switching Station to be located adjacent to the Towantic Generating Station on Woodruff Hill Road, Oxford, Connecticut and the proposed modifications within existing right-of-way to its existing 1575 and 1585 115-kV electric transmission line extending 6.1 miles from Bunker Hill Substation, located at Clough Road, Waterbury, south through Middlebury to the proposed Towantic Switching station and reconductoring of its existing 1575 115-kV electric transmission line extending one mile from the proposed new switching station south to Structure 1446 (Oxford Tap) located near the Oxford Substation, Commerce Drive, Oxford. Decision.**

Mr. Caron moved to approve this petition with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. Mr. Ashton moved to amend the motion to include the condition that the Petitioner shall provide drawings incorporating an all underground transmission connection scheme from Towantic Switching Station to the #1575, #1585, and #1990 overhead lines to the west including, but not limited to, the turning structures and duct banks in the right of way, associated riser structures and other related switching station equipment and any wetland impacts, and an explanation as to why this is or is not being implemented and whether or not this is a feasible engineering design, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Murphy moved to further amend the motion to include changes to the staff report, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens recusing.

**PETITION NO. 1227 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed replacement of electric transmission line structures within approximately .8 miles of existing right of way along its existing No. 1975 115-kV transmission line traversing the municipalities of Middlefield, Durham and Middletown, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure improvements. Decision.**

Mr. Hannon moved to approve this petition with the condition that a Development and Management Plan be submitted as noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION NO. 1228 - The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to its existing Pootatuck Substation located at 14 Old Stratford Road in Shelton, Connecticut and related modifications to adjacent 115-kV transmission lines within existing Eversource Energy right-of-way. Set Date for Decision.**

Mr. Murphy moved to set October 12, 2016, as the date for decision, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

**Administrative Matters.**

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, June 23, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

**Adjournment.**

Dr. Klemens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Caron. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Stein adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Robert Stein**  
**Chairman**

RS/cm